

# 2009 SUMMER SOFTBALL LEAGUE REGISTRATION INFORMATION



## TEAM REGISTRATION INFORMATION

### TEAM DEFINITIONS

**RETURNING TEAM:** Six (6) or more players from one Summer 2008 roster constitute a returning team. If a returning team splits in two, please contact Dave or Janet for clarification on which team will be considered the returning team.

- Returning teams registering **Tuesday and Wednesday, March 31-April 1** are guaranteed a spot in the program as long as they fulfill registration requirements and there are the same number of facilities available as the previous season.
- Returning teams wishing to register after Wednesday, April 1 will be accepted only if there are vacancies.
- Returning teams registering after Wednesday do not have priority over new teams.
- All registrations after Wednesday are on a first-come, first-served basis.

**IF A TEAM MISREPRESENTS THEMSELVES AS A RETURNING TEAM, THEY WILL RECEIVE LAST PRIORITY AFTER THURSDAY'S REGISTRATION.**

**NEW TEAM:** A newly formed team or a team that has less than six (6) returning players from one 2008 summer season team. New teams may register **Thursday and Friday, April 2-3, 2009**, provided there are openings available. Registration for new teams is on a first-come, first-served basis.

### THREE STEPS FOR REGISTERING A TEAM

1. **Complete the League Classification Sheet.**

The league classification sheet is reviewed by the Athletics Staff and the Softball Advisory Committee. Team information aids in placing teams in appropriate leagues and creating balance among the leagues.

2. **Fill Out Roster and Secure Players' Signatures.**

ROSTERS MUST BE COMPLETE OR THEY WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. All players must read the Liability Statement and SIGN the roster. Teams must have a minimum of 12 players on the roster (coed teams must have six men and six women).

3. Bring your roster, classification sheet and total league fee to the

**Athletics Office at Amazon Community Center, 2700 Hilyard Street** on the proper date and time.

## REGISTRATION DATES AND TIMES

### RETURNING TEAMS:

Tuesday, March 31 - 8:00 a.m.- 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, April 1 - 9:00 a.m.- 6:00 p.m.

### NEW TEAMS (if openings are available):

Thursday, April 2 - 9:00 a.m.- 6:00 p.m.

Friday, April 3 - 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

### **REGISTRATION DEADLINE: FRIDAY, APRIL 3 - 6:00 PM**

**League Acceptance:** Notification of league placement will be mailed out to all team managers on Monday, April 20. When filling out the team roster please make sure the manager's name and address are correct.

## TEAM FEES

Team fees cover umpires, commissioner's fees, field maintenance, lights, game balls, scorebooks, rule books, 1st and 2nd place awards, printing, postage and the administrative costs associated with operating the program. Team fees must be paid at the time of registration. **Make checks payable to: CITY OF EUGENE**

A. Men's A-D (10 games)	\$585
B. Women's A-D (10 games)	\$550
C. Coed A-D (10 games)	\$550
D. Senior Men's 50+ (10 games)	\$585

# 2009 NEW RULES/RULES EMPHASIS

## \*NEW FOR 2009

- \*1. **Coed Rec Leagues** modify the following rules for the 2009 season: (1) 5 run maximum for innings 1-5, and unlimited for innings 6-7; (2) To eliminate collisions at home plate, there will be a runner's home plate, whereby the runner uses the 2<sup>nd</sup> plate and the catcher uses the regular home plate, creating a force out at home plate at all times; (3) Coed Rec teams may "borrow" up to 2 rostered players from other teams within their league if they are short players. These players may only play catcher or right field and must bat at the bottom of the order.
2. The home run rule for all leagues is two over-the-fence home runs, then progressive (one-up) with no maximum (per gender in coed).
- \*3. Double first bases will be used in all leagues. If there is a play at 1<sup>st</sup> base, the batter/runner must touch the orange portion of the base, and the defense must use the white portion. If a play is made at 1<sup>st</sup> base, and the batter/runner touches the white portion of 1<sup>st</sup> base, the umpire will call the runner out. If there is no play at 1<sup>st</sup>, or a collision is imminent between the runner and player covering 1<sup>st</sup> base, the runner may use either portion of the base.
4. All batters in all leagues will start their at bat with a 1-1 count.
5. Hits over the high netting on Shasta #2 and #3: In order to discourage this practice, the batter is out and ejected from the game, and the hit counts toward the home run total. If the same batter hits another ball over the high net in a subsequent game, the same penalty will result plus one additional game suspension.
6. In men's and women's leagues any legal substitute may play in the field and not bat if the team has at least 10 batters. The player may substitute for another batter in the lineup at any time.
7. In coed leagues, teams may bat one extra male or female in the lineup with any number of odd players (9, 11, 13, 15, 17, etc.). An out will be assessed each time the missing gender player should have batted.

## GENERAL INFORMATION

**\*Manager's Meeting:** A **mandatory** manager's meeting for new 2009 summer teams/managers will be held **Tuesday, May 12, at the Amazon Community Center, 2700 Hilyard Street (6:15pm for Women's, 6:45pm for Men's, 7:30pm for Coed)**. Rules and regulations will be discussed and team packets will be distributed. Returning teams/managers may pick up their packets during regular business hours beginning on May 12.

**Player Eligibility:** All players must be 18 years of age or older (exception: 16 years or older in women's leagues) and listed on the team roster to be eligible. A player can be registered with only one men's team or women's team and one coed team in the LRCS softball program. (Except: Senior Men's and Coed Masters Leagues.)

**Senior Men's League:** Players must be 50 years of age by December 31, 2009. Players can play in the men's masters league and another men's league in the LRCS softball program.

**League Play:** League play begins Sunday, May 17 and continues through the second week of August. No games will be played Memorial Day weekend, May 24 and 25, and the Fourth of July holiday (July 3 and 5).

**Rain-Outs:** All rain-outs will be rescheduled at the end of the season. Based on experience, most teams will play at least one makeup game in August. To avoid forfeits, please advise your team members that the season will more than likely extend into mid-August.

**Game Times:** Weeknight games on lighted fields start at 6:15, 7:30 and 8:45 p.m. Weeknight games on unlighted fields start at 6:00 and 7:15 p.m. Sunday games on unlighted fields start at 4:30, 5:45 and 7:00 p.m. and games on lighted fields start at 4:45, 6:00, 7:15 and 8:30 p.m.

**Refunds:** Team fees will not be refunded after registration. Teams not getting the league of their choosing will be refunded monies only if a replacement team is found. Team fees will not be refunded for any player or team expelled from the league.

**\*Softball Bats:** All bats must bear either the ASA approved 2000 certification mark or the ASA 2004 certification mark, and must not be listed on an ASA non approved list, and must be included on a list of approved bat models published by the ASA National office, or must, in the sole opinion and discretion of the umpire, have been manufactured prior to 2000 and if tested, would comply with the ASA bat performance standards then in effect. Please check the ASA website at [www.asasoftball.com](http://www.asasoftball.com) for the certification marks and list of approved bat models. If you have any questions on which bats are allowed, please contact the Athletics staff at 682-5409 for clarification.

**Hosting Tournaments:** Any team wishing to host a softball tournament at Shasta or Amazon Softball fields should contact Janet at 682-5205.

**Add/Drop:** Players can be added and dropped throughout the season. Player add forms must be turned into the Athletics staff or to the umpire at the game before a new player is eligible. Fax additions are accepted provided the required information is filled out completely. Telephone additions are not accepted.

If a team is in need of players, a list is kept at the Athletics office of softball players looking to join a team. Managers can stop by the office for a copy of the list or call to have it faxed.

**Rules:** All teams will abide by the 2009 Amateur Softball Association rules and City of Eugene Rule Supplement. Rule books will be provided in the manager's packet which will be available **on Tuesday, May 12**.

**Softballs:** Two softballs are provided for each game. All coed teams will play with 11" and 12" softballs. Teams provide all backup balls. All 12" balls provided by the teams must be .40 cor and all 11" balls must be .47 cor.

**Uniforms:** All players must have a numbered shirt or uniform. The number must be visible and can be on either front or back, or both; shirt colors do not have to match.

**Shoes:** No metal, polyurethane or hard plastic cleats are allowed in any league. Shoes with rubber cleats and turf shoes may be worn in all leagues.

**Practice Fields:**

- **Pre-season (April 4-May 16)** - Pre-season practice fields are available free of charge to all LRCS registered softball teams. Fields can be reserved at the time of registration. **Practice fields will not be in "game" condition.**
- **During-season (May 17-August)** - A limited number of City fields will be available for rental during the season. Contact the Athletics Staff for reservation procedures and fees.

**Pre-Season Opening Tournament:** All city league teams are invited to play in a pre-season umpires' training tournament. A maximum of 24 teams will be accepted: eight men's, eight women's, and eight coed.

**Saturday, May 9, 8:30 a.m. - 9:00 p.m., Shasta Ballfields**

**Entry Fee: \$75.00** (All teams play two games)

## 2009 LEAGUE OFFERINGS

<u>Men's Lgs.</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Location</u>
B C	Sunday	Shasta
A B C	Monday	Shasta
C D	Tuesday	Shasta
C D	Wednesday	Shasta
Seniors	Thursday	Shasta

<u>Women's Lgs.</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Location</u>
A B	Tuesday	Amazon
C D	Thursday	Amazon

<u>Coed Lgs.</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Location</u>
B C Rec	Sunday	Various
A B C Rec	Monday	Various
B C Rec	Wednesday	Various
C Rec	Friday	Various

## TEAM CLASSIFICATIONS

The Athletics Staff and Advisory Committee have full authority to take whatever measure they deem necessary to create balance among all the leagues in order to involve as many teams as possible in the program. The primary goal is to create leagues that are evenly balanced and enjoyable. The following guidelines are used to place teams into leagues:

1<sup>st</sup> Priority - Returning teams that wish to get into the same league as last year, provided there are the same number of teams in the league and provided they were competitive in that league. Teams that finished at or near the top of their league last summer may be required to move to a higher league and those that finish at or near the bottom of their league may be required to move to a lower league.

2<sup>nd</sup> Priority - Returning teams wishing to change leagues.

3<sup>rd</sup> Priority - New teams.

## LEAGUE DEFINITIONS

The following guidelines have been established to help NEW teams select the league most appropriate for their skills and abilities. If you need more information regarding any of these leagues, please call Dave or Janet at 682-5409.

# **Coed A League** - The top 5% of City League teams. Both men and women are very skilled in hitting and fielding. Execution of plays and game knowledge is very good. Play is consistent from inning to inning and game to game.

# **Coed B League** - 20% of all City League teams. Men and women have above-average skills in hitting and fielding. Play is consistent from game to game. Teams have skilled players at key positions.

# **Coed C League** - 50% of all City League teams. Players have a variety of skills in hitting and fielding. Most players are of average ability; however, the team may have some above-average, as well as, below-average players. Team play is inconsistent from game to game. Many are company and neighborhood teams.

# **Coed Rec League** - Having fun is the main objective! Modifies some rules to increase safety and fun, including a 5 run limit for innings 1-5 and an extra home plate to prevent collisions at home plate. Most players are not proficient at hitting or fielding. Play is inconsistent from game to game. Players have little experience in organized league play. Usually company or neighborhood teams.

# **Men's A League** - The top competitive men's teams. All players are skilled in hitting and fielding. Execution of plays and game knowledge is very good. Play is consistent from inning to inning and game to game.

# **Men's B League** - Players have above-average skills in hitting and fielding. Teams have skilled players at key positions. Play is consistent from game to game.

# **Men's C League** - Players have a variety of skills in hitting and fielding. Most players are of average ability. Play is inconsistent from inning to inning and from game to game.

# **Men's D League** - Having fun is the main objective. Players have a variety of skills in hitting and fielding. Most players have average to below-average skills. Many are company and neighborhood teams.

# **Senior Men's League** - Players must be 50 years of age or older by December 31, 2009. Special rules promote safety and fair play. Recreational softball is emphasized.

# **Women's A League** - The top women's teams. The majority of players are skilled in hitting and fielding. Execution of plays and game knowledge is very good. Play is consistent from inning to inning and game to game.

# **Women's B League** - Players have above-average skills in hitting and fielding. Play is consistent from game to game. Teams have skilled players at key positions.

# **Women's C League** - Players have a variety of skills in hitting and fielding. Most players are of average ability. Play is inconsistent from inning to inning and from game to game.

# **Women's D League** - Having fun is the main objective. Players have a variety of skills in hitting and fielding. Most players have average to below-average skills. Play is inconsistent from inning to inning and from game to game.